

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 94-686-C & 94-687-C - ORDER NO. 95-607✓

MARCH 15, 1995

IN RE: Revisions to GTE South, Inc.'s & Contel's General Customer Service Tariff to Eliminate Remote Access Option Due to Fraudulent Use of This Service.	)ORDER DENYING )REHEARING )AND )RECONSIDERATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the February 23, 1995, Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration of our Order No. 95-359 filed by the Intervenor James M. Tennant.

Tennant requests that the Commission reconsider Order No. 95-359. Tennant states that by only allowing him to subscribe to the service, he believes that his long term business interests are being harmed. Tennant notes that the nature of Remote Access to Call Forwarding lends itself in a beneficial way to people involved in his particular profession. He feels that restricting the service to him will keep him and other massage therapists in Myrtle Beach from providing to the general public service in the most efficient and profitable way possible.

Tennant also requests a rehearing of the matter in order to allow the Commission to "take a more critical view of the evidence." The Commission has examined this matter and reiterates its holding in Order No. 95-359 that GTE and Contel showed persuasive evidence that remote access to call forwarding is susceptible to perpetrators of toll fraud and that, therefore, GTE

South and Contel should be allowed to eliminate the option. We are unpersuaded by Tennant's request that we change that decision. Further, we do not believe that Tennant has stated any grounds to rehear the matter. We believe that the testimony of William Oswald was sufficient to support the concept that the offering of Remote Access to Call Forwarding is very susceptible to perpetrators of toll fraud. We do not believe that additional evidence will help the Commission in its deliberations on this matter.

Because of the above stated reasons, we hereby hold that the Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration of James M. Tennant is hereby denied. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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